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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE ADMITTED TO ALC, ALGERIAN DELEGATION HOLDS NEWS
CONFERENCE ON SPANISH SAHARA

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1.(NOTICIAS JAN 21 REPORTED THAT ALC HAD UNANIMOUSLY AGREED
TO INCREASE ITS MEMBERSHIP TO INCLUDE MOZAMBIQUE. ACCORDING
TO ALC PRESIDENT HASHIM MBITA, ADMISSION OF MOZAMBIQUE TO ALC
WAS IN RECOGNITION OF FRELIMO'S FORMER AND CONTINUING ROLE IN
ELIMINATING LAST VESTIGATES OF COLONIALISM AND RACISM IN AFRICA.

2. IN RESPONSE TO REMARKS ON FORMER SPANISH SAHARA BY MOROCCAN
FOREIGN MINISTER AHMED LARAKI AT ALC OPENING SESSION, ALGERIAN
DELEGATION LED BY MOHAMED SHANOUN CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE AND
ISSUED SHORT STATEMENT EXPLAINING ITS POSITION. SHANOUN CALLED
THE POLISARIO THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WESTERN
SAHARA, NOTED THAT MAJORITY OF THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES THAT ARE
KNOWLEDGABLE ABOUT SITUATION THERE SUPPORT POLISARIO, AFFIRMED
THAT ALGERIA DID NOT HAVE ANY TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS IN THAT
TERRITORY AND DECLARED THAT THE NEXT OUA COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
MEETING AND SUMMIT WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM POSSED BY
THE "EXPANSIONIST FORCES" IN VIOLATION OF OAU RESOLUTIONS# SHANOUN
DID NOT MENTION MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA BY NAME, PREFERRING INSTEAD
TO BRAND THEM AS IMPERIALIST AND EXPANSIONIST STATES IN THE AREA.

3. DELEGATES ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE HAVE ALSO INFORMED US
THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH PAN AFRICAN CONGRESS AND THE
AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

4. COMMENT: AFTER ONLY TWO DAYS, DIVISIONS THAT CHARACTERIZED
RECENT ADDIS ABABA SUMMIT HAVE ALREADY SURFACED HERE OVER SPANISH
SAHARA. HOWEVER, LURKING IN THE WINGS ARE OTHER POTENTIALLY
DISRUPTIVE QUESTIONS ON DJIBOUTI AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA. SAMORA
MACHEL'S OPENING SPEECH CALLING ON ALC TO RECOGNIZE ONLY ONE
PROGRESSIVE LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN EACH TERRITORY COULD DRIVE
MORE WEDGES BETWEEN MODERATES AND RADICALS, ALL OF WHOM HAVE
THEIR FAVORITE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.
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